the States and UTs. All projects submitted by the North Eastern States during 2004-05, that were complete in all respect have been sanctioned.

A Statement showing amount sanctioned for various projects for development of tourism under circuits/Destination Development during last three years to the North Eastern States is as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Amount Sanctioned		
		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1.	Assam	721.30	313.46	821.75
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	41.30	1044.60	1285.70
3.	Mizoram	141.16	567.70	1086.35
4.	Meghalaya	70.35	40.22	963.30
5.	Manipur	05.25	82.44	75.50
6.	Nagaland	310.50	711.00	2165.69
7.	Tripura	171.21	400.17	—
8.	Sikkim	346.24	1151.09	580.81
	Total	1807.30	4310.68	6979.10

Appointment of private agency for PR work in Air India

*311. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has decided to appoint a private agency to manage its public relation work;

(b) if so, details thereof and the reasons for appointing a private agency in this regard; and

(c) what is the practice prevalent in other PSUs under the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) While the Public Relations Department of Air India would continue to handle the function of media relations, two agencies have been short-listed based on technical bids to supplement the efforts of the Department. The main activities proposed to be assigned to the agency include media monitoring, image audit, providing communication counsel and advice on an ongoing basis, assist and develop effective channels of communications to consumers, employees, trade and other partners and other related activities.

(c) All the organisations under this Ministry have a Public Relations Department to manage PR works. However, whenever, there is any special requirement, the services of outside experts are availed for specified matters connected with media and publicity.

Relaxation of export rules to attract FDI

*312. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to relax export rules for more FDI and FII remittances to bridge the trade deficit;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) details of other financial reforms Government propose to bring in to achieve higher growth?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The vision of the Government for the financial sector is to have an integrated and globally competitive sector which is market-oriented, efficient, fair and transparent to facilitate steady growth. The Government's reform plans are delineated in the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP).

Improvement of credit deposit ratio of Kerala

*313. PROF. P.J. KURIAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the credit-deposit ratio is lower in the State of Kerala compared to other Southern States;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to improve the credit-deposit ratio?